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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant for Security
National Reconnaissance Office Staff

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Office of Security

SUBJECT: BYEMAN Cover Sheets

REFERENCES:

- A) NRO Memo dated 13 Dec 82
B) NRO Memo dated 13 Dec 82

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1. It is noted that two recipients of Reference B (the Treasury and Commerce representative) are not approved for BYE access. You may wish to take appropriate action to regain control of their copies.

2. While sympathetic to the concern for security expressed in references, the proposed remedy must be rejected as inappropriate. Carried to its logical conclusion, the line of reasoning in the references would have all cover sheets removed, thus concealing from the uncleared observer any BYE relationship.

3. The point of cover sheets, and the use of the unclassified program digraphs and trigraphs, is to inform the BYE approved individual of the nature and unique accesses required to read the document. They serve a valid and useful purpose in a controlled environment and their arbitrary elimination would only worsen a security problem.

4. The lack of security discipline alluded to in references could better be addressed by appropriate briefings and re-indoctrinations of BYE approved personnel rather than by abandoning the proper use of cover sheets.

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5. It is suggested that future proposed changes to the BYEMAN Control System security policy be thoroughly coordinated prior to implementation. This memorandum has been coordinated with the Chairman, DCI SECOM and the Director of Security, CIA.

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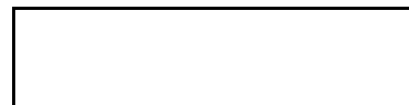


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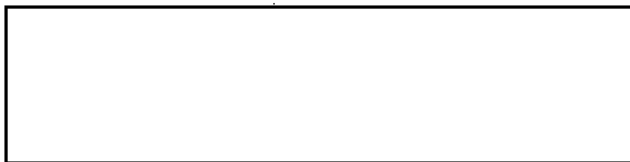
MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER**SUBJECT: BYEMAN Cover Sheets**

In a recent memorandum to members of the DCI Security Committee I described a procedure for handling BYEMAN information that is detrimental to the security of this sensitive material and requested each SECOM member to take the necessary action within his organization to correct it. The specific procedure I am referring to is the use of the first letter(s) or digraph(s)/trigraph(s) of BYEMAN project indicator words on a BYEMAN cover sheet while continuing to treat the cover sheet as unclassified. These cover sheets appear in non-BYEMAN and even non-SCI areas supposedly serving as sufficient protection for the contents of the document while in the possession of a BYEMAN briefed individual. The effect of this procedure is to expose the project compartmentation of the BYEMAN system to personnel who do not have BYEMAN access or a need-to-know. The open display of the filled-in cover sheets in non-BYEMAN areas also associates organizations, offices, and individuals with specific projects, thereby providing insight, in many cases, into the covert mission of the project through the type of involvement or support provided by that organization, office, or individual.

To correct this situation, I have instructed the SECOM principals not to use BYEMAN project indicator abbreviations (i.e., first letter, digraph, or trigraph) on BYEMAN cover sheets. The cover sheet will now serve only as a protective device to alert individuals to the compartmentation of the document within the BYEMAN system. Project/access compartmentation requirements will be obtained from the title page or first page of the document.

While I do not believe it necessary to discontinue use of existing stocks of cover sheets, I request that the "specific activity" lines be deleted from all future printings of BYEMAN cover sheets. This will necessitate a change in wording of the accompanying notice. May I suggest "Access to this document will be restricted to individuals approved for the specific activities listed on the cover, title page, or first page of this document."

The changes described above, combined with judicious monitoring of the Community's compliance with the new policy, should correct this poor security practice.

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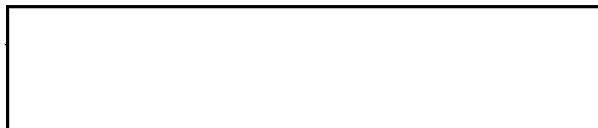
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**SUBJECT: BYEMAN Cover Sheets**

I wish to bring to your attention a procedure for handling BYEMAN information that is detrimental to the security of this sensitive material and ask that you take the necessary action within your organization to correct it. The specific procedure I am referring to is the use of the first letter(s) or digraph(s)/trigraph(s) of BYEMAN project indicator words on a BYEMAN cover sheet while continuing to treat the cover sheet as unclassified. These cover sheets appear in non-BYEMAN and even non-SCI areas supposedly serving as sufficient protection for the contents of the document while in the possession of a BYEMAN briefed individual. The effect of this procedure is to expose the project compartmentation of the BYEMAN system to personnel who do not have BYEMAN access or a need-to-know. The open display of the filled-in covers sheet in non-BYEMAN areas also associates organizations, offices, and individuals with specific projects, thereby providing insight, in many cases, into the covert mission of the project through the type of involvement or support provided by that organization, office, or individual.

Effective immediately, BYEMAN project indicator abbreviations (i.e., first letter, digraph, or trigraph) shall not be used on BYEMAN cover sheets. The cover sheet will serve only as a protective device to alert individuals to the compartmentation of the document within the BYEMAN system. Project/access compartmentation requirements will be obtained from the title page or first page of the document.

The CIA Special Security Center will be advised to delete the "specific activity" lines from future printings of BYEMAN cover sheets. Request you disseminate this policy change within your organizations and initiate the necessary action to ensure the BYEMAN project indicator words or abbreviations do not appear on the coversheets. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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